

ABSTRACT:

A method and apparatus for providing elastic storage of layered video data stored in a storage apparatus are disclosed. The stored enhancement layer video data is read out of the storage apparatus. The enhancement layer video data is then at least partially decoded or ultimately completely deleted. The decoded enhancement layer video data is
5 attenuated in a linear or non-linear manner. The attenuated enhancement layer video data is then encoded. The encoded attenuated video data is stored back in the storage apparatus.

Fig. 1